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U.N. CORRESPONDENTS

GROUP ELECTS

NEW OFFICERS

Reinhard M. Sorge of United Press International has been elected president of the U.N. Correspondents Association. He will succeed Anne Weill Tuckerman of Agence France-Presse for 1974.

Jogindra K. Banerji of the Hindustan Standard of India was elected first vice president, Asahi Kamei of Kyodo News Service of Japan second vice president, and Wilhelm Wurdak of the German General News Service of East Germany third vice president.

Kim Tau-Ung of Hankook Ilbo and Korea Times was elected secretary and Raghavendra Chakrapani of the Press Trust of India, treasurer.

Named to the executive committee were William N. Oatis of the Associated Press, Mrs. Tuckerman, David Winder of the Christian Science Monitor, Brian E. Saxton of the British Broadcasting Corporation, Kay Rainey Gray of the Greenwich, Conn., Time, Cathie Shea of the New York Times, Bright Michael Opoku of the Ghana News Agency, Gerhard Menning of the German Press Agency of West Germany and Theo Loir of La Libre Belgique and Radio Swiss Romande.

FREE-LANCE FILE HAS

UPSURGE OF CLIENTS

During the past month, 25 members listed in the Free-lance File have been referred to clients, according to a report by the OPC Placement Committee. Since this project was started less than a year ago, more than a hundred such referrals have been made.

A new international news feature service, now being organized, needs free-lancers in Egypt, Spain and Portugal. Members now located in these countries as well as those who have not as yet applied, please do so pronto.

Simply fill out a 3 x 5 file card listing name, full address, field of writing expertise and brief resume. Mail to the chairman of the OPC Placement Committee: Mark J. Henahan, Resnick-Henahan Associates, 1775 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10019.

WORKING JOURNALISTS DUES REDUCED— MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS THIS MONTH

The Board of Governors at its meeting on December 20 unanimously voted to reduce the annual dues for resident working press persons qualified for active membership to \$75 effective January 1. The text of the approved amendment to the by-laws will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin.

President Jack Raymond announced that the move to new quarters at the Biltmore Hotel will be completed before the end of this month. Work on the reconstruction and decoration of the new premises, carried on with the generous assistance of the hotel, is in charge of Larry Blochman, chairman of the House Operations Committee. Major events to be held in the new quarters are being planned and will be announced.

SOL LINOWITZ ADVOCATES BETTER RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA

"I believe that the future of international peace and security in our time will depend in substantial measure on what we are able to achieve in the Americas," stated the Hon. Sol M. Linowitz, former U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States, at the OPC luncheon on December 12.

"To Latin Americans the Nixon administration has been the administration which forgot that Latin America existed," Mr. Linowitz said and added his dismay at "the widespread view of Latin Americans as sombreroed peasants lurching from siesta to fiesta rather than as proud, intelligent people of dignity and achievement."

The National Womens' Republican Club, our present landlords, has extended to the OPC members the courtesy of using its facilities as before during the month January. (Our mutual agreement expired December 31.)

DEADLINE SET FOR OPC AWARDS ENTRIES

Saturday February 9th will be the deadline for entries in the 1973 Overseas Press Club Awards competition, according to John Luter, Awards Committee chairman.

Entry forms have been sent to a long list of news organizations. Additional forms are available at the Club office, and will be mailed to any individual or organization on request.

Awards are being offered this year in 20 categories — one more than last year. The addition is the Madeline Dane Ross Memorial Award of \$250 for the best international reporting in any medium in the fields of health and welfare.

However, he mentioned the promising fact that Henry Kissinger had met with Latin American government leaders for a "new dialogue" and will meet with them again in February in Mexico City to determine a possible "policy of partnership."

"What we need," Mr. Linowitz said, "is to find a basis for working with Latin America in a manner which will advance our mutual interests," but he warned that it was first necessary "to dispel various myths" among them the erroneous belief that the U.S. was directly or indirectly involved in the military take-over in Chile and that the overthrow of the Allende government is proof that democratic governments have no future in Latin America.

Mr. Linowitz then suggested several "basic ingredients for the kind of Latin American policy we need today if we are truly to make a new beginning." Among these suggestions was that we should clearly define U.S. goals in the Hemisphere and stick to them; that we should work through existing inter-American institutions

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GUEST EDITORIAL

By MORRIS L. ERNST

The power of man's communication has sadly shifted from the dailies which numbered more than a dozen in my youth to a sparse non-competitive group of non-competitors. Obviously, reporting had to decline. We all remember when the reporter on the great New York Times would rationally say I wonder what the Trib will say about this bit of news.

The advent of radio and television accelerated the decline of the daily press. As a bit of idle fun, I got 3 friends to tape record the 6 o'clock news on the 3 networks. The tapes were then transcribed into type. I then played a gay game. I erased the names of the commentators and in unscientific fashion found that practically none of my friends could distinguish one commentator from another. Without the smile or the smirk, the performers were not distinguishable.

I do recall when we could distinguish Ed Murrow from Gabriel Heatter and in written form Broun from Pegler. Maybe this subject of the absence of realistic competition of ideas would be worthy of an event of meaningful discourse among the members of the OPC. As a columnist for a weekly I enjoy the luck of being in a medium where I not only can feel effective but enjoy a mass of weekly mail — happily not all in agreement.

Might not the OPC conduct such a test in truly scientific fashion? I would enjoy raising the necessary funds for such an experiment because if my amateur test is proven correct, the result would be so shocking that we might once more enjoy thoughtful communication.

The Bulletin invites contributions to this column up to 250 words on any subject of vital interest to journalists. As these editorials express personal opinions and may be controversial, reactions are welcome.

SOL LINOWITZ

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and fully recognize the "principle of multilateralism divorced from the political control or influence of any country"; that we help them further trade

possibilities and industrial development, reactivate the idea of a Latin American Common Market, and, within certain limits, free all duties and quotas on imports from the area; that we clarify the "precise nature of the relationship between the U.S. government and the Latin American subsidiaries of U.S. parent companies operating in the area," as "conflict on this issue has often aroused antagonisms"; and, finally, that the U.S. "must accept the idea that the Latin American countries... have the freedom to determine their own political, social and economic systems."

"Admittedly," Mr. Linowitz concluded, "policies such as those I have described will not guarantee that hostility and tension in the Hemisphere will entirely abate. But I do believe they could begin to change the climate and move us back to a spirit of cooperation rather than conflict."

Former OPC president *John Luter* presided at the luncheon which was arranged by *David Anderson*.

HOW TO VISIT RUSSIA

WITHOUT A VISA-

By HERB SILVERMAN

Want to go to Russia without a visa? There is in fact one way, and I've just done it. This information is only helpful if your destination is Leningrad and you can stay just four days resting in the arms of Intourist guides.

For anyone who has hassled for quick Soviet action on a visa, with the attendant requirements for a detailed itinerary, it's a great convenience. A recent assignment to do a story on Leningrad's Hermitage came up quickly. But a call to the Russian Embassy in Washington — which incidently is open for this kind of business between three and five p.m. — elicited the response that there was no guaranteed way to get a visa under six weeks.

There is, however, a combination of a direct Finnair flight to Helsinki hooking up with a cruise ship, the SS Bore Ill., sailing from the port across the Baltic to Leningrad, with no visa requirement. The Finns do point out that this trip sells no one-way tickets. Gimmick is you (and your baggage) sleep aboard during your stay as a tourist and therefore you undergo almost no formalities in landing. The tour arrangements are restrictive and it operates only through May to October. However it does exist.



Music Evening Performers (l. to r.) Donald Hazzard, Catherine Christensen, Gene Boucher, Ivanka Myhal, and Music Committee chairman Jack Frummer.

"WINE AND SONG"

EVENING

A GREAT SUCCESS

By HERBERT KUPFERBERG

An overflow crowd, more than two hundred in number led by OPC officers and Board members, applauded the gifted singers of the Musical Arts Studio, whose Director is *John Gutman*, former assistant manager of the Metropolitan Opera, on December. The evening was the net result of the combined efforts of *Jack Frummer*, OPC Music Chairman, *John Gutman*, Vice Chairman, *Robert Misch*, N.Y. Post wine editor and *Alan Olson*, German wine Information Bureau.

Gene Boucher and Ivanka Myhal of the Met Opera, and Catherine Christensen, the attractive and talented performers, accompanied by Donald Hazzard at the piano, in an "Evening of Light Music in praise of Wine," sang light, romantic German and Viennese music, a feast to the eyes and ears, to the sheer delight of the audience. Then followed, a tasting of German wines and cheeses, the tables attended by *Li Lang Ai*, author of a current best seller, and her assistants.

Jack Frummer, who M.C'd this program, introduced several Met and City Opera singers present, as well as Hon. Richard Owen, just appointed a Federal Court Judge in this District and his wife Lynn Owen, former Met Opera soprano, who sang here previously.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Chicago

By J.H. SMITH Jr.

The midwest regional chapter of OPC held a special meeting on Friday, Dec. 14, at the Chicago Press Club taking advantage of President *Jack Raymond's* presence in Chicago to get a first-hand report on the club's optimistic outlook for 1974. Raymond emphasized the improved services to out-of-town members that are planned through the new headquarters in the Biltmore Hotel.

The meeting was organized by *J.H. Smith, Jr.*, regional chairman, and was also attended by *Martin Gershen*, University of Illinois and Chicago Sun-Times; *Jack Lieb*, Jack Lieb Productions; *Ken Giniger*, Consolidated Book Publishers; *Martin Sheridan*, National Appliance, Radio TV Dealers Association; and *Bjorn Laerdal*, Continental Illinois Bank.

The Chicago group reacted favorably to President Raymond's suggestion to adopt the successful New York plan of informal briefings by noted journalists. Jack Lieb's offer to provide a personally-made, exclusive film of journalistic action during the Normandy invasion will be utilized for an early 1974 reunion of war correspondents in memory of the 30th anniversary of D-Day.

Hong Kong

By AL KAFF

Tillman Durdin, dean of the foreign correspondents corps in Asia, is preparing for retirement from The New York Times after 43 years of reporting from the Far East and the Pacific.

Till and his wife Peggy plan to leave Hong Kong early in 1974 for Honolulu, where he will join the East-West Center as a senior fellow. He is scheduled to retire from The New York Times on April 1, 1974.

Since 1930, Till has reported from every country in Asia and has been manager of The New York Times bureaus in the region. His assignments through the Pacific have taken him as far as the South Pole, and he's also reported from North Africa and Europe.

Roland Dallas, chief representative of Reuters in Hong Kong for the past two years, also is scheduled to leave the Colony early in 1974 to become Reuters' chief correspondent in Washington.

Alvin Webb has moved from Brussels to Hong Kong to become UPI's general Asian news editor. He suc-

ceeds Daniel Gilmore, transferred to Washington by UPI after 25 years in Europe and Asia.

Assignments from Hong Kong: Bob Elegant (Los Angeles Times) and Loren Jenkins and Sydney Liu (both Newsweek) to Taiwan to cover the Sino-American conference on Chinese Affairs. Skip Isaacs (Baltimore Sun), Roy Rowan (Time) and Peter Kann (The Wall Street Journal) to the Philippines now in its second year under Martial Law Government, Keith Kay and Don Webster (both CBS) to the Middle East war. Joseph Lelyveld (The New York Times) traveling through Southeast Asia before succeeding Till Durdin in Hong Kong. Richard Hughes (The Sunday Times of London) honeymooning in Europe, the United States and Australia, with his bride Ann Lee, daughter of a former Chinese general.

The 20-story New Mercury House, Hong Kong headquarters for the British communications firm Cable & Wireless, is becoming the Fleet Street of the British Crown Colony. New Mercury, opened early in 1973, now houses the Hong Kong bureaus of the Associated Press, United Press International, Agence France Press, NBC, ABC, BBC, UPITN, the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Swedish Broadcasting Corporation and Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation.

Athens

By CONSTANTINE SOLOYANIS

The Athens Mirror, a new English language daily newspaper, made its debut in Athens recently, with my name as executive Editor.

The paper is a twelve-page tabloid, which, in its short existence has already passed the other two English dailies of Athens in circulation.

The Athens Mirror was the only paper in Athens (English or Greek) to be published regularly through the recent disturbances here.

Publisher of the new daily is Nick Sokaris, formerly AP newsman from up-state New York, who owns and operates the Stagecoach, a very successful steak-house/restaurant/bar in Athens.

Montreal

Appointment of Dale D. Morsch as news editor for Canada of United Press International was announced in Montreal by W. Donald MacKay, general manager of United Press International of Canada, Ltd.

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Morsch, 41, succeeds Emil R. Sveillis who was recently transferred to Sweden and appointed Stockholm bureau manager.

Morsch moves to Montreal from Tokyo, where he has been news editor for Japan since 1972. From 1966 to 1971 he was UPI manager for India, in New Dehli. He spent one year on UPI's Asia Division news desk in Hong Kong before going to Tokyo.

Morsch joined UPI in Topeka, Kans., in 1962 after working for Kansas and Chicago newspapers and studying journalism at the University of Kansas.



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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAISMITH

PUBLISHING EVENTS: **Virginia Castleton**, secretary of the East Central Region of the OPC, has a new book, "The Calendar Book of Natural Beauty," published by Harper and Row. On Dec. 9, she was interviewed on **Paul Manson's** WPEN, talk show Closeup, in Philadelphia. Mason is chairman of the East Central Region of the OPC. . . . **Sylvia Dannett's** book, "Yankee Doodler", published by A.S. Barnes is now available at libraries and bookstores. Sylvia is a director of the Civil War Round Table, edits its newspaper, The Dispatch. . . .

HONORS: **Phil Forrest**, director of public relations, Merchants National Bank of Mobile, Ala., received the Public Relations Council of Alabama's "Award of Exceptional Achievement." The award was for "A Day to Remember", a booklet in story and color photos of a rare and historic snowfall in the Gulf Coast City last February. Phil was with AP in 1946, doesn't miss NY snow. . . . **Yvonne Beaudry** invited to leave her "papers" to the University of Wyoming's Archive of Contemporary History. Also invited to be in the first edition of "The World Who's Who of Women" 1973, Cambridge, Eng. She's in the ninth edition of "Who's Who in American Women." . . . Past OPC VP **Ansel E. ("Ed") Talbert** was master of ceremonies at the Adventurers Club's big bash on December 12 at the Hotel Delmonico honoring **Lou Cotlow**, the author/explorer. Ed also MC'd an earlier lunch in Washington at which Sir George Edwards, England's number one aircraft designer, was the principal speaker. These and other appointments have made Ed a Travel-in' man of late. He was one of four newsmen who flew from Washington to Paris in 3 hours 33 minutes recently aboard the Concorde SST on the first supersonic crossing of the North Atlantic by a commercial airliner. On business for Interline Reporter and Travel Agent Magazine, where he is a staff editor, he later took off for Tokyo two days after his return for a look at aviation developments in the Far East, and has squeezed in a side trip to Rome, where he visited with OPC member friends.

NEW LOOK: **Robert Trumbull** of The New York Times has been reassigned from Australia to Canada. His address: National Press Building, Ottawa, Ontario. . . . **Bill Toulouse**, now advertising manager of Bride's, which in the spring will have 332 pages, 229 of which is advertising. . . . **Matt Bassity** to A-P's Washington Bureau

on temporary duty editing the city wire. Since 1969 Bassity has been a substitute editor in the New York broadcast department handling the national-international, regional, financial and sports desks.

HITHER AND THITHER: **Florence S. Richards** writes that "to avoid a lightless, heatless, gasless unChristmas," she has taken off for Yucatan for a reunion "of the ruins." . . . **Dorothy Omansky** to London and Vienna on a Theatre Guild trip.

SEEN ON THE SCENE: **Gene Beaulet**, Editor-in-chief of Iron Age, with his wife, Ellie, in from Philadelphia. Lunching, natch, with **Jim Beizer**, editor of Iron Age.

JOURNALISM "SAFETY AWARDS" ANNOUNCED.

The Uniroyal Tire Company is initiating an annual Journalism Safety Awards program to give recognition to journalists who create greater public awareness of the need for constant caution on the highways through features that appear during the next year.

The awards include \$1,000 scholarships to the journalism schools selected by the winners in five categories covering the best safety feature story or photograph in newspapers, radio, television, trade publications and general magazines.

Nominations for the awards can be made by journalists, their colleagues or supervisors of the media they represent.

Deadline for entries is Sept. 16, 1974 and the awards will be presented at a dinner at Uniroyal's executive headquarters in Oxford, Conn. in November 1974. Nomination forms are available from Uniroyal, Box 723389, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020.



Portrait of Agatha Young hangs in the Agatha Young Library at the Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, Vermont, which was opened with a dedication ceremony in Agatha's honor on November 17.

WIRE SERVICE CHANGES

Thomas Cheatham, for the past three years UPI bureau manager in Tel Aviv, was appointed division news editor at Brussels. He succeeds Alvin B. Webb who recently transferred to Hong Kong as general news editor for Asia.

Jack Payton replaces Cheatham in Tel Aviv as bureau manager. He served in New York and Brussels before going to Israel.

Walter Cronkite, anchorman and managing editor of "CBS Evening News," was awarded the International Radio and Television Society's Gold Medal. The medals are given annually for "accomplishment in or contribution to" broadcasting.

The award will be presented to Cronkite at the Society's 34th anniversary banquet on March 14, 1974, at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

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